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Remonumentation Legislation (SB 1299 & 1300) Ottawa County's Rationale for Support

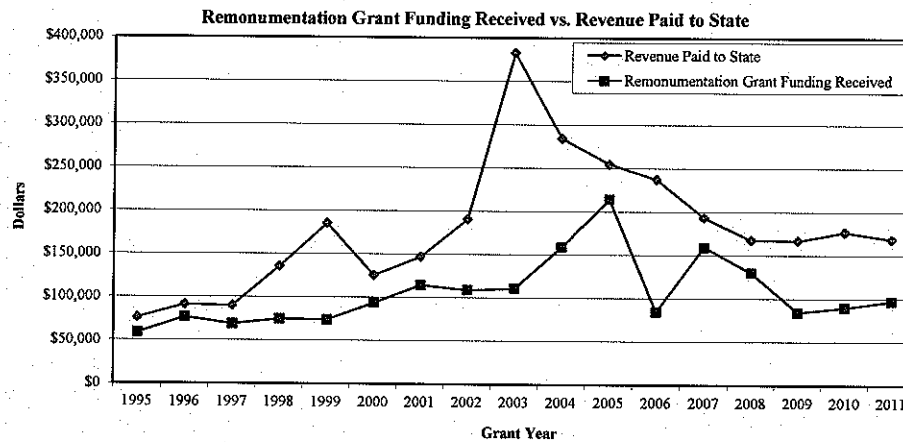
Ottawa County supports SB 1300 which extends the time period to complete the State's Remonumentation Program. The County also supports SB 1299 which provides for the reimbursement of local funds that have been used by counties to expedite the completion of their Remonumentation Programs. The following points are the rationale for Ottawa County's support of SB 1299:

1. The Remonumentation Program commenced in 1993. It is funded through document recording fees that are collected by the Register of Deeds (ROD) in each county. Ottawa County has been a net donor to the Remonumentation Program Fund in the amount of \$1,272,320 (see **Attachment A**).
2. Because it is more efficient and cost effective to operate and administer an expedited Remonumentation Program, Ottawa County has expended \$1,867,737 of its own funds to expeditiously complete its Program.
3. The current grant formula does not reimburse counties for expedited programs in an equitable manner. It allows for some counties to be fully reimbursed for their expedited investments before their program is completed, while it will take Ottawa County over 56 years to be fully reimbursed after their program is completed. For instance, Oakland County, which also administers an expedited program, has already been reimbursed \$1,500,000 for its expenses (see **Attachment B**) and will be fully reimbursed for all of its expenses within the next 6 years. Both Counties entered into the expedited program status with the full expectation that they would be reimbursed for their expenses in a reasonable time frame (10-20 years). To be fair and equitable, all counties that have invested in an expedited program should be repaid as originally expected.
4. The fiscal impact to the State's Remonumentation Program as a result of repaying Ottawa County for its expedited investments would be negligible. The net reduction in funding to the Remonumentation Program would be \$71,152 annually for 15 years based on Ottawa County's ROD deposits in 2011 (see **Attachment C**). The \$71,152 repayment to Ottawa County would translate into an approximate 1.4% reduction in total funds available for Remonumentation purposes. It is important to note that these repayment funds would only be drawn from Ottawa County's ROD deposits and would not be drawn from any other county's deposits.
5. In comparison, the Remonumentation Grants provided to counties are continually increasing or decreasing. For instance, in 2006, the available grants for some counties increased by as much as 64% (\$469,167) while other counties had their grants reduced by as much as 67% (\$270,322) (see **Attachment D**). Since the amount of funds being requested by Ottawa County to repay their expedited investment is much less than many of the normal fluctuations in the annual grant awards, it will have a negligible, if any, impact on the overall Remonumentation Program or its completion.

Attachment A
Revenue from Recording Fees Paid to State vs. Remonumentation Grant Funding

Year	Revenue Paid to State ¹	Remonumentation Grant Funding Received	Net Amount Donated
1995	\$75,646	\$58,647	\$16,999
1996	\$90,821	\$76,474	\$14,347
1997	\$89,670	\$68,635	\$21,035
1998	\$135,272	\$74,594	\$60,678
1999	\$184,882	\$73,947	\$110,935
2000	\$125,157	\$93,608	\$31,549
2001	\$146,716	\$114,355	\$32,361
2002	\$190,154	\$108,517	\$81,637
2003	\$382,559	\$110,573	\$271,986
2004	\$283,766	\$158,360	\$125,406
2005	\$254,314	\$213,869	\$40,445
2006	\$237,194	\$84,195	\$152,999
2007	\$192,934	\$159,039	\$33,895
2008	\$167,149	\$129,708	\$37,441
2009	\$166,778	\$84,111	\$82,667
2010	\$176,410	\$89,699	\$86,711
2011	\$168,274	\$97,045	\$71,229
Total	\$3,067,696	\$1,795,376	\$1,272,320

1. Recording fees paid to State by the Ottawa County Register of Deeds per the Revised Judicature Act of 1961



Source: Ottawa County Register of Deeds
Prepared by: Ottawa County Planning Performance Improvement (11/07/12)

Attachment B
Repayment Schedule Under Traditional Grant Program

Current Repayment Schedule (Ottawa County):

Grant Award (2013)	=	\$96,121
Maintenance Expenditures (2018)	=	\$64,000
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Amount Available for Repayment	=	\$32,121
Total Expedited Balance	=	\$1,867,737
Amount Already Repaid	=	\$68,833 (2006)
Remaining Expedited Balance	=	\$1,798,904
Years Until Fully Repaid	=	56 years
Program Completed (Year)	=	2018

Current Repayment Schedule (Oakland County):

Grant Award (2012)	=	\$329,156
Program Expenditures (2013)	=	\$229,156
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Amount Available for Repayment	=	\$100,000¹
Total Expedited Balance	=	\$2,047,275 ²
Amount Already Repaid	=	\$1,500,000 ³
Remaining Expedited Balance	=	\$547,275 ³
Years Until Fully Repaid	=	5.5 years
Program Completed (Year)	=	2020 ⁴

1. Board of Commissioner minutes from 2011 and 2012 confirm that Oakland has been repaying their balance \$100,000 annually through grant awards
2. Data received from State Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation (email dated 9/29/2010)
3. Data received from State Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation (email dated 11/08/2012)
4. Data received from Oakland County (email dated 11/22/2010)

Attachment C
Repayment Schedule Under Proposed Program

Net Reduction to Fund:

Register of Deeds Fees Deposited (2011)	=	\$168,274	(3.3% of Total Remon Grants Available)
Grant Amount (2012)	=	\$97,122	(\$64,000 maintenance + \$33,122 repayment)
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Net Reduction to Remon Fund	=	\$71,152	(1.4% of Total Remon Grants Available)

Proposed Repayment:

Total Expedited Balance	=	\$1,798,904
Amount Repaid by Program Completion (2018)	=	\$254,664
Remaining Expedited Balance (2018)	=	\$1,544,240
Years Until Fully Repaid <i>(Using all deposits, less \$64,000 in maintenance expenses)</i>	=	15 years

Attachment D
Remonumentation Grant Funding Available by County
(2005-2006)

County	2005 Grant Amount	2006 Grant Amount	Difference (2005-2006 Grant Amount)	Percent Change (2005-2006 Grant Amount)
ALCONA	\$55,972	\$60,599	\$4,627	8.3%
ALGER	\$69,499	\$75,969	\$6,470	9.3%
ALLEGAN	\$121,868	\$116,751	(\$5,117)	-4.2%
ALPENA	\$55,498	\$57,640	\$2,142	3.9%
ANTRIM	\$52,925	\$57,463	\$4,538	8.6%
ARENAC	\$35,241	\$36,688	\$1,447	4.1%
BARAGA	\$70,287	\$73,711	\$3,424	4.9%
BARRY	\$77,582	\$80,331	\$2,749	3.5%
BAY	\$130,083	\$123,572	(\$6,511)	-5.0%
BENZIE	\$43,259	\$46,079	\$2,820	6.5%
BERRIEN	\$119,520	\$112,815	(\$6,705)	-5.6%
BRANCH	\$54,648	\$57,816	\$3,168	5.8%
CALHOUN	\$146,209	\$167,007	\$20,798	14.2%
CASS	\$60,637	\$59,469	(\$1,168)	-1.9%
CHARLEVOIX	\$66,132	\$73,287	\$7,155	10.8%
CHEBOYGAN	\$66,717	\$70,876	\$4,159	6.2%
CHIPPEWA	\$138,035	\$149,324	\$11,289	8.2%
CLARE	\$68,052	\$60,961	(\$7,091)	-10.4%
CLINTON	\$86,225	\$92,356	\$6,131	7.1%
CRAWFORD	\$50,614	\$57,224	\$6,610	13.1%
DELTA	\$112,376	\$123,464	\$11,088	9.9%
DICKINSON	\$65,228	\$68,841	\$3,613	5.5%
EATON	\$132,802	\$135,204	\$2,402	1.8%
EMMET	\$60,982	\$60,028	(\$954)	-1.6%
GENESEE	\$223,979	\$214,471	(\$9,508)	-4.2%
GLADWIN	\$53,282	\$54,106	\$824	1.5%
GOGEBIC	\$84,905	\$92,632	\$7,727	9.1%
GR. TRAVERSE	\$92,220	\$85,782	(\$6,438)	-7.0%
GRATIOT	\$65,779	\$71,543	\$5,764	8.8%
HILLSDALE	\$65,099	\$67,337	\$2,238	3.4%
HOUGHTON	\$84,029	\$91,286	\$7,257	8.6%
HURON	\$77,281	\$81,356	\$4,075	5.3%
INGHAM	\$183,472	\$160,504	(\$22,968)	-12.5%
IONIA	\$69,068	\$69,728	\$660	1.0%
IOSCO	\$54,594	\$57,761	\$3,167	5.8%
IRON	\$88,108	\$96,430	\$8,322	9.4%
ISABELLA	\$76,613	\$73,985	(\$2,628)	-3.4%
JACKSON	\$128,609	\$124,713	(\$3,896)	-3.0%
KALAMAZOO	\$169,196	\$139,404	(\$29,792)	-17.6%
KALKASKA	\$48,593	\$51,993	\$3,400	7.0%
KENT	\$400,990	\$322,298	(\$78,692)	-19.6%
KEWEENAW	\$39,125	\$43,260	\$4,135	10.6%
LAKE	\$49,428	\$52,483	\$3,055	6.2%
LAPEER	\$104,145	\$98,377	(\$5,768)	-5.5%
LEELANAU	\$45,968	\$44,198	(\$1,770)	-3.9%
LENAAWEE	\$102,096	\$101,376	(\$720)	-0.7%
LIVINGSTON	\$306,330	\$253,250	(\$53,080)	-17.3%
LUCE	\$65,716	\$72,927	\$7,211	11.0%
MACKINAC	\$79,406	\$86,497	\$7,091	8.9%
MACOMB	\$558,569	\$451,162	(\$107,407)	-19.2%
MANISTEE	\$55,446	\$56,673	\$1,227	2.2%
MARQUETTE	\$165,900	\$179,327	\$13,427	8.1%
MASON	\$49,101	\$51,160	\$2,059	4.2%

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Remonumentation Grant Funding Available by County
(2005-2006)

County	2005 Grant Amount	2006 Grant Amount	Difference (2005-2006 Grant Amount)	Percent Change (2005-2006 Grant Amount)
MECOSTA	\$61,419	\$62,863	\$1,444	2.4%
MENOMINEE	\$93,941	\$102,101	\$8,160	8.7%
MIDLAND	\$80,322	\$71,563	(\$8,759)	-10.9%
MISSAUKEE	\$48,089	\$51,799	\$3,710	7.7%
MONROE	\$130,767	\$116,928	(\$13,839)	-10.6%
MONTCALM	\$100,054	\$104,778	\$4,724	4.7%
MONTMORENCY	\$46,576	\$50,288	\$3,712	8.0%
MUSKEGON	\$124,627	\$119,567	(\$5,060)	-4.1%
NEWAYGO	\$108,378	\$118,105	\$9,727	9.0%
OAKLAND	\$864,436	\$965,639	\$101,203	11.7%
OCEANA	\$54,096	\$56,218	\$2,122	3.9%
OGEMAW	\$55,815	\$58,714	\$2,899	5.2%
ONTONAGON	\$95,046	\$105,208	\$10,162	10.7%
OSCEOLA	\$61,545	\$63,514	\$1,969	3.2%
OSCODA	\$45,726	\$49,864	\$4,138	9.0%
OTSEGO	\$55,379	\$55,448	\$69	0.1%
OTTAWA	\$213,869	\$137,667	(\$76,202)	-35.6%
PRESQUE ISLE	\$55,076	\$58,644	\$3,568	6.5%
ROSCOMMON	\$72,244	\$75,777	\$3,533	4.9%
SAGINAW	\$134,115	\$149,043	\$14,928	11.1%
ST. CLAIR	\$403,053	\$132,731	(\$270,322)	-67.1%
ST. JOSEPH	\$69,642	\$70,223	\$581	0.8%
SANILAC	\$90,958	\$95,185	\$4,227	4.6%
SCHOOLCRAFT	\$87,365	\$95,658	\$8,293	9.5%
SHIAWASSEE	\$94,774	\$99,085	\$4,311	4.5%
TUSCOLA	\$88,489	\$92,549	\$4,060	4.6%
VAN BUREN	\$92,406	\$125,702	\$33,296	36.0%
WASHTENAW	\$253,685	\$202,942	(\$50,743)	-20.0%
WAYNE	\$732,172	\$1,201,339	\$469,167	64.1%
WEXFORD	\$58,496	\$58,977	\$481	0.8%
Total	\$9,999,998	\$10,111,613	\$111,615	1.1%

Source: Michigan Office of Land Survey & Remonumentation